

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 2 - MINDFUL MONDAY**

Bring \$2 and it is a N.U.T Day (No Uniform Today)! Mindful Mondays is a S.M.A.C. (Students Making a Change) initiative with money going towards the Pylypivka Christian Service Project. On non-uniform days students must adhere to appropriate attire. Disrespectful slogans on t-shirts, crop tops, and torn or tattered jeans are not permitted. If students do not bring \$2, they come to school in their school uniform. Thank you for your participation.

**HOT DOG DAY!**

Forms will be sent home Tuesday, December 3rd and are due Thursday, December 5th. Please use the Hot Dog Order Form to place an order with the homeroom teachers. Exact change is needed. Orders after 12:00 noon cannot be accepted.

Single Hot Dog - \$2.50 Full meal (Hot Dog / Chips / Drink) - \$4.50

Order Forms Due: Thursday, December 5 **Lunch Day:** Thursday December 12

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4 - HEARING AND SPEECH SCREENING**

IHMS is pleased to provide families in Kindergarten with hearing and speech screening through the school's Speech and Language Pathologist, Ms. Tara Perchaluk. Screenings are designed to provide early identification of children who may experience even mild deficits so intervention programs can be put in place.

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6 - FEAST OF ST. NICHOLAS / ST. NICHOLAS VISIT**

St. Nicholas will be visiting IHMS! All parents, friends and family are invited to the St. Nicholas Program presented by the children at 1:45PM. The program will take place in the gymnasium. The students will greet St. Nicholas with a few songs and poems. If you have any little ones at home please bring them along. St. Nicholas is always very thoughtful and generous... he might even have a few treats for the children!

**IHMS CHRISTMAS CONCERTS**

SAVE THE DATE! Join Immaculate Heart of Mary School for delightful children's Christmas Concerts to get into the spirit of the Christmas season. Students are preparing to share the real meaning of Christmas with TWO musicals for everyone to enjoy!

*** All students are required to attend both performances for their respective age group ... the afternoon show, and as well the evening show.

Wednesday, December 18 - Grades Kindergarten - Grade 3 will present *God's Colourful Promises of Christmas* at 1:30PM & 7:00PM .

For *God's Colourful Promises of Christmas* music and lyrics click [HERE](#)

Thursday, December 19 - Grades 4 -8 students will present *The Christmas Chronicles* at 1:30PM & 7:00PM.

For *The Christmas Chronicles* music and lyrics click [HERE](#)

Please follow the links above for music and lyrics which can be used for practicing at home.

Important information about Christmas concert costumes is forthcoming.

The Grades 4-8 Christmas Concert cast is continuing to rehearse every morning beginning at 7:45AM.

Attendance at rehearsals is very important. A reminder email was sent on the evening of November 29th.

**'PYLYPIVKA WITH THE SAINTS' ... A SCHOOL-WIDE PROJECT**

This year during Pylypivka, students will spend time with the saints as they walk with those who have provided with ideal examples of how to live in faith. Ordinary people such as these saints have become extraordinary through their love of God. Students will meet six saints who can help prepare their hearts during Pylypivka and celebrate Christmas this year. Ask your child what Saint they are working on!

CHRISTIAN SERVICE FOR THRIVE COMMUNITY SUPPORT CIRCLE

Immaculate Heart of Mary School's social justice team, "Students Making A Change", are enthusiastic about their Christian service project during this Pylypivka season. A donation box for non-perishable food items is located in each classroom to collect items for *Thrive Community Support Circle*. A Pylypivka Note was sent home last week with more detailed information.

MARY'S ANGEL CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT

During Pylypivka, the school will be offering 'Mary's Angels' for sale. The Angels are a keepsake of remembrance for deceased loved ones or someone who is very ill. When an individual purchases an Angel, a prayer card is filled out at the school with the loved one's name. The cards are attached to an Angel ornament and placed on the 'Mary's Angels Tree' located in the front foyer of the school. A Divine Liturgy will be celebrated by the students and staff on Friday, December 20, for the intentions of the loved ones. Before the Christmas break, the angels will be sent home with each of the families that purchased an angel. Each Mary's Angel ornament is sold for \$5.00. The order form is on the Pylypivka Note sent home last week.

**DECEMBER**

- 2 Mindful Monday - bring \$2 and it's N.U.T Day
- 3 Hot Dog Order Forms sent home
- 4 Kindergarten Hearing & Speech Screening
- 5 Hot Dog Lunch Orders Due
- 5 St. Boniface Diocesan High School visits Gr. 8
- 6 1:45PM St. Nicholas Program
- 10 K-8 Christmas Card Activity for Holy Family Home
- 12 Hot Dog Lunch Day
- 12 2:00PM EARLY DISMISSAL - Staff Spiritual Development
- 18 K-3 Christmas Concert - 1:30PM & 7:00PM
- 19 4-8 Christmas Concert - 1:30PM & 7:00PM
- 20 Last day of classes before Christmas Break

December 23 - January 3 Christmas Break

JANUARY

- 6 Classes Resume
- 9 2:00PM EARLY DISMISSAL - Staff Meeting
- 9 7:00PM Parents' Guild Meeting (Online)
- 15 3:00-5:00PM Uniform Shop Open
- 31 NO CLASSES - Professional Development Day

**IHMS FUND RAISING RAFFLE DRAW**

Thank you to all who purchased tickets for this year's Annual Fund Raising Raffle. The proceeds are so important for the children's educational program at the school. Gratitude to the Fundraising Committee. The 2024 IHMS Fund Raising Raffle winners are listed [here](#).

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5 - GRADES 5-6 OFF SITE MINI VOLLEYBALL**

If your child is participating in the St. Maurice Mini Volleyball Tournament, it is the parents responsibility to arrange transportation to and from the game.

All tournament games will start at 4:00PM and should finish by 8:30PM at St. Maurice School (1639 Pembina Highway). Please see the note previously sent home for more information.

**SHARING YOUR MUSIC TALENTS**

- THERE ARE STILL SOME SPOTS LEFT! Students and families are encouraged to share their musical talents by performing
- Christmas carols in the front foyer of the school during arrival and dismissal times.
- Please email or call the school office to schedule a time to perform (December 9-13).

**GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER**

THANK YOU to everyone who was able to support the Gift Card Fundraiser, organized by the IHMS Parents' Guild. Over \$760 was raised ... our best results to date!! An email will be sent to all participants once the gift cards are ready to be distributed. All orders need to be signed for by an adult, or parents must notify the office if their child is picking up the Gift Cards.

